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Subject: Nuclear Waste at Yucca Mountain

To Whom It May Concern:

I recently received a letter stating that you plan on filing an application with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) in June 2008 to request authorization to build the proposed nuclear waste repository at Yucca Mountain. I have been concerned about your decision to dump nuclear waste at Yucca Mountain since I first heard about the decision.

I will not be able to attend the public hearing to present the information that I have collected over a period of time with regard to nuclear waste; however, I am faxing a copy of this letter to Senator Harry Reid.

I would like to inform your group of an incident that occurred several years ago while I was working for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Testing Laboratory, Beltsville, Maryland (incoming fruits, vegetables, raw material for baking, etc.) The first floor was used by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of Energy (DOE). A very large box arrived which had a big glass bottle of toxic liquid material in it, the individual who received it did not look the box over for possible leakage. He put his arms around the box and lifted, as he did this the bottom of the box which was soaked in highly toxic material gave way and everything smashed to the floor. The building was evacuated immediately. We were told to grab our personal items and wait outside we would be able to come back in shortly. After four hours of waiting, they shut the building down.

- I wanted you to read the above so that you realize how toxic nuclear waste is.
1. [Transportation of any toxic material to Yucca Mountain would be a big mistake. The terrorists will probably have no problem obtaining the information they need to blow up the trains or trucks.

Why not build repositories close to the area where the nuclear waste material was used? It would be less dangerous and at the same time save the United States a huge amount of money.]

- 2 [Terrorists will probably somehow obtain the schedules as to when & the route the trucks, trains; etc will be carrying the nuclear waste to Yucca Mountain.] [remember that several 3 people were given insufficient protective breathing gear while working at Yucca Mountain. They became very ill and had to be hospitalized. It is my understanding that several of them died because of inadequate breathing equipment.

I wonder if your Agency made any compensation to the families of the deceased?]

[Las Vegas, Nevada is a visitor city, the same as Washington, DC where visitors come 4 from all over to see the sights. What will happen to the visitors who want to come to Las Vegas?? I worked for the Washington Convention & Visitors Bureau many years ago in Public Relations & Publicity. What you are proposing is going to cause a huge drop in visitors coming to Las Vegas.]

I am sending a copy of this letter to Senator Harry Reid because I feel he is quite concerned about your actions here in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Sincerely,

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